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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [] Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation - "National Intelligence
Community Week"

1. On May 26, 1987, I was called by Sue Thau, Legislative Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). She explained that recently OMB had transferred from its General Counsel's Office to her office the responsibility for coordinating Presidential Proclamations. She had called [] Deputy General Counsel, who was the OMB General Counsel Agency contact. [] had referred her to this office. She was calling concerning those responsibilities.

2. On May 21, 1987, the Senate had passed S.J. Res. 121, a resolution declaring May 31, 1987 through June 6, 1987 as "National Intelligence Community Week." OMB had information that during the week of May 25th, the House was scheduled to take up and pass the Senate-passed resolution or its own companion measure, H.J. Res. 151, thereby clearing the measure for action by the President. While the resolution would not require Presidential signature, it did call upon the President to issue a proclamation making the requisite declaration.

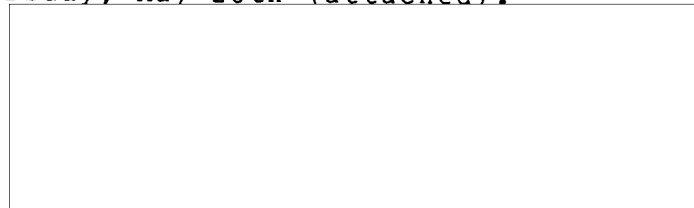
3. In anticipation of that House action, the White House was calling OMB to request the drafting of an appropriate proclamation to be forwarded to the White House. Apparently, the usual practice in these matters was for OMB, in turn, to contact the requisite agency to provide a drafting service. (As noted above, the procedure was new to Ms. Thau, was new to me because, to the best of my knowledge, it was the first time intelligence had been the subject of such a proclamation.) She, therefore, asked that we provide an appropriate draft by Wednesday, May 27th.

4. I prepared a draft and coordinated it with the Intelligence Community Staff, the Office of Public Affairs and the Director of the DCI/DDCI Executive Staff. I then forwarded it to Ms. Thau.

5. After she received it, she called back to say that the draft followed too closely the substance of the Congressional resolutions. Further, the preferable format was to change the "whereas" clauses to text.

6. Accordingly, I redrafted the original draft and forwarded it to her on Thursday, May 28th (attached).

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WEEK, 1987

Proclamation _____

May __, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

Intelligence is America's first line of defense. From World War II down to the present, our national experience has clearly and repeatedly demonstrated that an effective intelligence capability is vital to our safety and well-being.

Today, this important work is performed by the men and women serving in the various agencies of the United States Intelligence Community: the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, intelligence elements of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Marine Corps, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Energy and staff elements of the Director of Central Intelligence.

The work these men and women do is vital to our national security and to the cause of freedom and democracy throughout the world. They serve their country both at home and abroad in intellectually challenging and arduous assignments, often under difficult and dangerous circumstances. Many of them dedicate their careers to this work. Several have given their lives in service to their country.

Such dedicated service is, I believe, deserving of special recognition. The nature of their service, however, often prevents individual achievements from from being publicly recognized.

I was, therefore, pleased to join with the Congress in recognizing the important work these men and women do by declaring the week of May 31st through June 6th as "National Intelligence Community Week".

I think it is particularly appropriate this week was chosen since it is the week of the anniversary of the birth of Nathan Hale. Nathan Hale was, of course, an early patriot, hero, and practitioner of American intelligence. He symbolizes the selfless dedication of our Nation's intelligence personnel.

I call upon the American people to make an effort during this week to better understand and appreciate the work which men and women of our Intelligence Community have done and continue to do. I especially call upon our schools to insure that the young people of America are taught the important role which intelligence has played in American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 31, 1987 through June 6, 1987, as "National Intelligence Community Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-_____ day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN